ANIMAL INCOLA
NAUTILI POMPILII.

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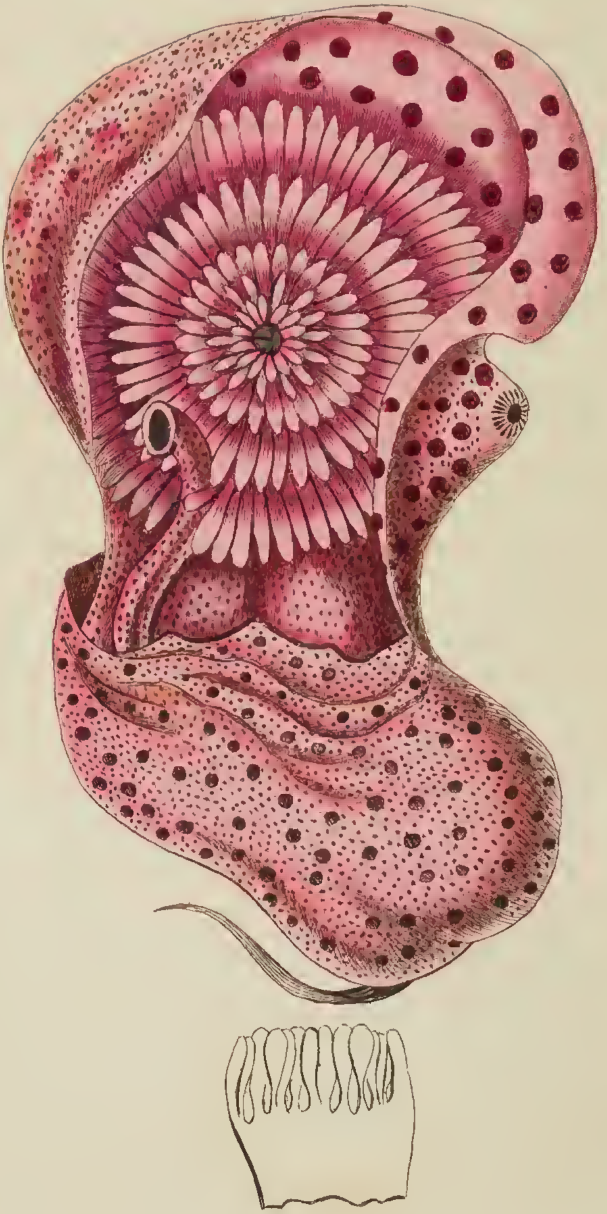
De animali Nautilum Pompilium incolente, ad hoc usque tempus magna ex parte parum cognito et explorato, scripsit tandem ingeniosus Dionysius Montfortus, addita icone satis accurata: unde constat affinitatem quandam esse ei cum genere *Sepiæ*. Carens brachiis longis, eorum loco serie multiplici tentaculorum latorum apicibus palmatis os radiorum more circumeuntium instruitur; nec non cucullo, seu velo, quo expanso creditur ad libitum posse navigare.

In prima nostra figura ostenditur animal in testa sedens; in secunda, e testa exemptum, ut probe pateat plena et perfecta corporis conformatio.



ANIMAL
OF THE
NAUTILUS POMPILIUS.

The inhabiting animal of the Nautilus Pompilius or Great Pearly Nautilus, hitherto but very obscurely known to naturalists, has at length been described and figured with sufficient accuracy by the ingenious Mons. Denys Montfort. It appears that the animal is in some degree allied to the genus Sepia, but is destitute of long arms or claspers, instead of which it is furnished with several rows of short, broad, subdivided or palmated tentacula, spreading in a radiated direction round the mouth or beak: it is also provided with a concave expansile hood or process, which it is supposed occasionally to extend by way of a sail.

Of the present plates the first represents it seated in its shell; the second as taken out of the shell, in order to exhibit the complete form of the body.